

Open Letter to Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez

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Dear Prime Minister Sánchez,

There are politicians who become symbols of stability.

There are politicians who become symbols of change.

And then there are politicians who repeatedly survive situations that many believed would end their careers.

You belong to the third category.

Over the years, political opponents, journalists, and analysts have predicted your downfall more times than most people can count.

Yet you remain Prime Minister.

Whether one admires this or dislikes it, political survival on such a scale is not an

accident.

It is a skill.

Spain today is not a country in crisis.

It is not experiencing economic collapse.

It is not facing political violence.

Its democratic institutions continue to function.

Its economy has performed better than many expected after the pandemic.

Employment has improved compared with some difficult periods in Spain's recent history.

Tourism remains strong.

Foreign investment continues to arrive.

For many Spaniards, daily life is better than the most pessimistic forecasts suggested a few years ago.

These are not insignificant achievements.

At the same time, there is another side to the story.

Many Spaniards believe that your governments have become increasingly dependent on fragile political bargains.

The amnesty arrangements connected to the Catalan independence movement remain deeply controversial.

Supporters view them as a pragmatic effort to reduce political tensions.

Critics view them as a political deal made primarily to preserve a parliamentary majority.

Whether history ultimately judges that decision as reconciliation or opportunism remains uncertain.

Housing has become one of Spain's most serious social problems.

For many young people, purchasing a home seems increasingly out of reach.

Rent continues to consume a growing share of household income.

A country can report positive economic statistics while still leaving many citizens feeling excluded from prosperity.

That risk is becoming increasingly visible.

There is also the issue of trust.

Not trust among supporters.

Every political leader has supporters.

The more difficult question is whether those who disagree with you still believe that national interests come before political survival.

For many critics, this remains unanswered.

Yet even your opponents often acknowledge one fact:

You have demonstrated extraordinary political resilience.

Perhaps the defining question of your premiership is no longer whether you can remain in office.

You have already answered that question repeatedly.

The real question is whether future generations will remember your years in power for strengthening Spain itself or merely for your ability to survive politically.

Those are not necessarily the same achievement.

My overall assessment:

3.5 out of 5.

You have governed Spain through difficult years with greater success than many predicted and have demonstrated remarkable political skill. However, unresolved concerns regarding political polarization, housing affordability, and controversial power-sharing arrangements prevent a higher evaluation.

Respectfully,

A Citizen of the World

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